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RE: Public Comment on Central Coast MLPA Packages

To Whom It May Concern:

I have ! been fishing lobster and crab out of Santa Barbara Harbor since 1994. I chose these fisheries as there is very little by-catch associated with trapping and there was no evidence that they were over-fished. I have been fishing lobster and crab seasonally in the area between Point Arguello and Point Conception since 1997.

It is my experience and opinion that these two fisheries have healthy stocks and are sustainable. I would like to see fisheries management approached from a fishery by fishery basis, rather than the blanket closures associated with Marine Protected Areas. I believe that we can achieve proper fisheries management with limits on seasons, size limits, gear types and! number of licenses issued. That having been said, I am aware of the fact that I will have to live with MPAs in the areas that I fish, unless they are proven to be ineffective.

I would like to express my concerns that Packages S, AC and 2 will greatly limit my income as well as that of others who fish between Pt Arguello and Point Conception. I support no action; or the option of closures by gear type (assuming that crab and lobster would remain open). However if something is going to happen then I would prefer Packages 3 or 1. I estimate that roughly 60% of my income comes from fishing in these areas that are slated for closure by Packages S, AC and 2.

Although there are not many of us trappers who fish year-round in ! this area, there are half a dozen of us whose living depends upon access to the area between Point Arguello and Point Conception.

Sincerely,

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